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Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete previous abstract at page 13 and add the following amended abstract:

A message screening system includes routing to a supervisory recipient an electronic instant message or a chat room message directed to an intended recipient. The supervisory recipient then is allowed to screen the electronic instant message or the chat room message by approving or rejecting the electronic message. The electronic instant message or the chat room message then is forwarded to the intended recipient if the electronic message is approved by the supervisory recipient.